



# THE SHALOM NEWSLINE



*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*  
*Lamentations 3:22-23*

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Monday: 8:30am-5pm, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30am-4:30pm,  
Thursday: 8:30am-2pm



# MARK'S MINUTE

Can you believe that Summer has come to a close and that Fall is almost here? Fall, of course, ushers in a new school year and a new school year often means... school shopping!

I remember as a child coming home from school shopping trips with some new pairs of pants, a few new shirts, and maybe a sweater or sweatshirt. But there was always that one outfit that I wanted to wear on the first day of school. I may not have fully realized it at the time, but I wanted to make a good first impression. Kids (but especially teenagers) sometimes get up extra early that first day of school to have the time to prepare to make a good first impression.

Colossians 3:12 tells us (who are believers) to clothe ourselves with compassion. And 1 Peter 5:5 tells us to clothe ourselves with humility. So...here's my question for you: When people meet you for the first time, do they see compassion? Do they see humility? Compassion is all about you and me putting the needs of others above our own selfish needs and desires. And humility is the opposite of pride. Are those "clothing items" (compassion and humility) what others see when they first meet you? Or do they see the clothing of the world (selfishness and pride)? Do people see your "Christian clothing" or your "cultural clothing" when they look at you?

Furthermore, what do people see when they come to our church for the first time? What is their first impression of us? Do they see compassion? Do they see humility? My hope and prayer is that they see a group of folks who embody Romans 13:14, which says, quite plainly: "Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus." When visitors walk into a new Sunday school class, are the people in that class clothed with the Lord Jesus? When they walk into the sanctuary, are we clothed with the Lord Jesus? When students walk into our youth ministry are our teenagers and youth leaders clothed with the Lord Jesus? When new children come to our Vacation Bible School or children's programs, are we clothed with the Lord Jesus? When people step into our church office, are we clothed with the Lord Jesus? When parents step into our church nursery, are we clothed with the Lord Jesus. When people join us on the pickleball court or on the golf course, are we clothed with the Lord Jesus? When people come into a packed gym for a Wednesday night meal for the first time, are we clothed with the Lord Jesus?

Here's my point: what is their first impression?

I pray that the people see Jesus in who we are and in what we do. Business executives, motivational speakers, and interview trainers will all tell you the same thing: Your first impression is a critical one. It is often the key to your success. However, I'd like to take that a step further: the first impression that you and I project as Christ-followers could very well be the difference between someone coming into a loving church and accepting Jesus as Savior.... OR...never stepping foot in a church again.

In Him,

*Pastor Mark*



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'CHRISTIAN  
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LOOK AT YOU?

-PASTOR MARK





Shut-in of the Month:

*Louise Scott*

8090 Dunwoody Road  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111



Please remember Louise this month by sending her a card. It means so much to our Shut-Ins, that they are remembered and that we still care.



Meet our Deacon for the  
month of September:

**VICKI TRICE-ROMANO**



## Need Help?

*Do you have questions and don't know who to ask! Check out the information below*

- Prayer Requests, reserving rooms at the church or reserving a church vehicle-call the church office at 804-746-7737.
- Mechanical bus/van issues, Gary Kirby, Transportation Chair, 804-317-9479
- Bereavement Chair, Kathy Seebeck, 804-387-2271
- Visitation/Shut-In Coordinator, Kathy Wingfield, 804-349-8053
- Music/Worship, Jean Dart, 804-691-5893
- Children's Ministry, Kathy Seay, 804-833-9763
- Youth Ministry, Adam Crigger, 804-212-5720

**When in doubt, call Kelly at the office or reach out to one of the Deacons. We are always ready to serve!**

Our Deacons are:

Christy Lane, Vicki Trice-Romano, Mitzi Hubble, Lori Glass, Courtland Lambert, Glen Daniel, Dallas Clayton, Sonya Blommel, Sam Mayhew, Roy Southard, Kenny Taylor & Doug Tomlin





## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

September 3rd  
BEEF & MACARONI CASSEROLE

September 10th  
CHICKEN THIGHS W/SAUCE

September 17th  
PORK BBQ SUNDAES

September 24th  
PORK LOIN

**Cost:** \$5.00 for adults  
\$2.00 for children  
\$15.00 per family

Each week reservation cards will be in the bulletin. **Please fill out a card and put it in the offering plate or call the church office with your reservation by 3:00pm Monday and leave a message.**

## FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:



- The church office will be closed Monday, Sept. 1st in observance of Labor Day.
- Church Council Meeting-Tuesday, Sept. 2nd at 7:00 pm
- October Newsletter entries are due Wed. Sept. 24th.
- Life Line Screening-Monday, October 27th.
- Kelly has updated her office hours to the following:
  - Monday: 8:30 am-5:00 pm
  - Tuesday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm
  - Wednesday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm
  - Thursday: 8:30 am-2:00 pm



Are you interested in learning how to manage your money in a Biblical way?

Join us for our Financial Peace University small group starting  
**Sunday, September 21st at 4:30 pm.**

FPU is a biblically based class that has helped millions beat debt, build wealth, and give like never before.

**Sign up at the Welcome Center in the lobby or for more information, please call the church office at 804-746-7737.**







***Sisters in Service Circle meets Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Co-Ed Classroom.***

***Beloved Circle meets Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the home of Lori Glass.***

### **God's Pit Crew**

The ladies took a trip to Danville, VA on August 14<sup>th</sup> to deliver the items we had collected for God's Blessing Buckets. We also had a tour of their amazing facility! What an awesome mission. **THANKS, SHALOM**, for your generosity! We collected a grand total of 6,900 items for this vital ministry that serves those in dire situations. Each bucket contains a note of encouragement telling them God loves them and that there are those like us who care for them. This is a great place to volunteer and help fill those buckets!

Alma Hunt Offering for VA Missions

September 7<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>

Offering envelopes and prayer guides will be available in the church lobby.

Our goal for Shalom is

**\$3,000.00**

Spiritual Awareness Event

Oak Hall Baptist Church, Sandston, VA

September 20, 2025

10:00 am-12:00 pm

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Women's Get Away**

November 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

Eagle Eyrie

Join us on the mountain top for 24 hours of worship, retreat and fellowship.

#### **Dover WMU Christmas Tea**

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

Chinese Baptist Church

Manakin Sabot, VA





# BLURRED VISION



Judith Goode Kirby



Shalom member and local author, Judy Kirby invites you to join her for a discussion of her inspiring book, *Blurred Vision: A Journey of Faith and Sight* on

**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

from **11:00 am-2:00 pm** at

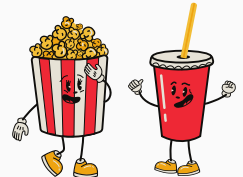
**Books, Beads & More** located at 8107 Mechanicsville Turnpike,  
Mechanicsville, VA.

For those unable to attend the event, the book is available through Amazon in hardcover, paperback and Audible formats.

For more information visit <https://blurredvisionbooks.com>



- Fall Activities start back September 3rd and meet every Wednesday at 6:15 pm.
  - A nursery will be available.
  - Little Walkers in Bibleland (Pre-K & Kindergarten)
  - Truth Trackers, 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grades (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday's)
  - Children in Action, 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grades (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday's)
- Save the Date for our Drive in Movie-Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Children will have the opportunity to build their own "cars" and then watch a movie together.



A BIG THANK YOU to all of our VBS volunteers! We appreciate your dedication and hard work to make this year's True North VBS a great success! We can't wait for *Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God* in 2026!



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**OCTOBER 25TH**  
**5:00-7:00 PM**





The men's Tuesday morning Bible study should complete our study of Revelation during the month of September and start a new study in October. We meet at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings in the church Conference Room. Come and grow with us as we study.

We'll have a men's dinner on September 9th, beginning at 6:00, at a place to be determined. Look for more information in the near future and plan on joining us as we gather and eat.

The fall Bland Ministry Center trip will be September 14 - 17, leaving Shalom at 2:00 p.m. on the 14th. Join us and help with construction projects or assist the Center in their food and clothes pantries. The trip is open to all who have a desire to go and serve.

Looking ahead to October, there will be a men's breakfast on the 18th, the third Saturday of the month, at Shalom in the fellowship hall. Join us as we gather and get to deepen our relationships. Bring your sons, grandsons, fathers, and neighbors.

The men's Sunday school class, the Canfield class, will begin the "Experiencing God" Bible study beginning September 21st. This study was offered several years ago when we were worshiping at Pole Green Elementary. If you are interested in joining us for the 12-week study, please let Ken Hein know.

## *Strength in the Journey*

A support group for  
widows and widowers



**Monday, September 15th**

Meet at Jane Nelson's house  
for a lunch of Chicken-  
Stackie-Uppie at 12:30 pm.

**RAISIN'  
CANES**  
SENIOR ADULT  
GROUP



Raisin' Canes will resume  
meetings in September!

We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday  
of every month.

Our next meeting is  
**September 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 1:00 pm at Shalom.**

*Just Breathe*



Just Breathe  
Caregivers  
Support Meeting

Next Meeting:

**Monday, Sept. 22nd**  
**7:00 pm**  
**at Shalom**



Join us every Thursday for pickleball. Children and youth are invited to play at 4:30 pm and adults play at 5:30 pm.



EMT meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 6:30 pm. Our next meeting is **September 22nd.**



The Cancer Support Group meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 11:00 am. Our next meeting is **September 23rd.**



### September Anniversaries

7th Gerald & Debbie Cousins  
11th David & Gail Hosfeld  
Al & Joan Scott  
14th Slip & Rhonda Neal  
17th Chad & Samatha Mayhew  
26th Alvin & Deborah Thomas  
27th Drew & Gayle Revere  
29th Byron & Bonnie Blake  
30th Charles & Vicki Romano



### September Birthday's

|                       |                         |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1st Jo Harris         | 11th Hannah McGehee     | 24th Kenny Taylor |
| Samantha Mayhew       | 13th Olivia Trice       | 29th Mike Dart    |
| 2nd Brandy Applewhite | 15th Gloria Basham      | Wrenn Mangum      |
| Dee Miller            | Sandy Webb              | 30th Mary Beasley |
| 4th Jackie Harris     | 16th Terri Felts        |                   |
| 5th Sherleen Payne    | Jim Luginbuhl           |                   |
| 6th Mark Miller       | Roland Pitts            |                   |
| 8th Mason Butler      | Linda Wade              |                   |
| Madi Butler           | 20th Karen Adam         |                   |
| 9th Pat Dressel       | Sherry Dillard          |                   |
| Daniel McGehee        | Reed Glass              |                   |
| 10th Gerald Cousins   | Diane Porter            |                   |
| Amy England           | 21st Benji Crigger      |                   |
| Jerry Kelly           | Gordon Eary             |                   |
| Megan Seay            | 22nd Roxane Young       |                   |
|                       | 23rd Deborah Michalosky |                   |







# SEPTEMBER 2025



| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday | Saturday   |
|--|---|---|---|--|--------|--|
| 31<br>8:30am Worship<br>9:20am He'Brews Cafe<br>9:45am Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship<br>2:00pm Joyce Brown's Memorial Service   | 1<br>11:00am Staff Meeting  | 2<br>GBC Preschool 1st Day<br>8:30am Men's Bible Study<br>9:00am Walking in the Gym<br>7:00pm Church Council Meeting  | 3<br>5:30pm Supper<br>6:15pm Bible Study<br>6:15pm Children's Ministry Program<br>6:15pm Praise Team<br>6:15pm Youth<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal                                    | 4<br>4:30pm Children & Youth Pickleball<br>5:30pm Adult Pickleball   | 5      | 6<br>Parking Lot Reserved (Gethsemane Church)                            |
| 7<br>SS Move Up Day<br>8:30am Worship<br>9:20am He'Brews Cafe<br>9:45am Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship<br>3:00pm Christmas Cantata Listen Through                                    | 8<br>10:00am WMU Sisters in Service Circle Meeting<br>11:00am Staff Meeting<br>6:30pm Nominating Committee Meeting        | 9<br>8:30am Men's Bible Study<br>9:00am Walking in the Gym<br>7:00pm Stewardship Meeting  | 10<br>5:30pm Supper<br>6:15pm Bible Study<br>6:15pm Called Business Meeting<br>6:15pm Children's Ministry Program<br>6:15pm Praise Team<br>6:15pm Youth<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 11<br>4:30pm Children & Youth Pickleball<br>5:30pm Adult Pickleball  | 12     | 13<br>5:00pm Children's Drive-In Movie                                   |
| 14<br>Bland Ministry Center Trip<br>8:30am Worship<br>9:20am He'Brews Cafe<br>9:45am Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship<br>1:30pm Deacon's Meeting<br>3:00pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal | 15<br>Bland Ministry Center Trip<br>11:00am Staff Meeting<br>12:30pm Strength in the Journey                              | 16<br>Bland Ministry Center Trip<br>8:30am Men's Bible Study<br>9:00am Walking in the Gym<br>9:45am Properties Committee Meeting<br>6:30pm WMU Beloved Circle Meeting | 17<br>Bland Ministry Center Trip<br>5:30pm Supper<br>6:15pm Bible Study<br>6:15pm Children's Ministry Program<br>6:15pm Praise Team<br>6:15pm Youth<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal     | 18<br>4:30pm Children & Youth Pickleball<br>5:30pm Adult Pickleball  | 19     | 20<br>Fellowship Hall (Crigger)<br>10:00am WMU Spiritual Awareness Event |
| 21<br>8:30am Worship<br>9:20am He'Brews Cafe<br>9:45am Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship<br>3:00pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal<br>4:30pm Financial Peace University                     | 22<br>9:00am Feedmore Truck<br>11:00am Staff Meeting<br>6:30pm EMT Meeting<br>7:00pm Just Breathe Caregiver Support Group | 23<br>8:30am Men's Bible Study<br>9:00am Walking in the Gym<br>11:00am Cancer Support Group   | 24<br>5:30pm Supper<br>6:15pm Bible Study<br>6:15pm Children's Ministry Program<br>6:15pm Praise Team<br>6:15pm Youth<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal                                   | 25<br>1:00pm Raisin' Canes<br>2:00pm MHS Chorus Booster Mum's Pick-Up<br>4:30pm Children & Youth Pickleball<br>5:30pm Adult Pickleball | 26     | 27   |
| 28<br>8:30am Worship<br>9:20am He'Brews Cafe<br>9:45am Sunday School<br>11:00am Worship<br>3:00pm Christmas Cantata Rehearsal<br>4:30pm Financial Peace University                     | 29<br>11:00am Staff Meeting   | 30<br>8:30am Men's Bible Study<br>9:00am GBC Fall Pictures<br>9:00am Walking in the Gym   | 1<br>5:30pm Supper<br>6:15pm Bible Study<br>6:15pm Children's Ministry Program<br>6:15pm Praise Team<br>6:15pm Youth<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal                                    | 2<br>4:30pm Children & Youth Pickleball<br>5:30pm Adult Pickleball   | 3      | 4  |



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### **Shalom's Calendar**

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